



NCREDC Meeting Summary

Introductory Information:

Date and Time Meeting Commenced: May 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Council Members Present: Cali Brooks, David Champagne, Brittany Christenson, Richard Daddario, Don Dabiew, Victoria Duley, Bill Farber, Erika Flint, Shaun Gilliland, Scott Gray, Mark Henry, Steven Lawrence, James Lazore, Michele Ledoux, James McKenna, Kylie Peck, Stephanie Ratcliffe, Christopher Rosenquest, Angela Smith, Ty Stone, Brenda Valentine, Donna Wadsworth

Council Members Substitutes: Lenore Vanderzee designee for Zvi Szafran

State Agency/Local Government/ESD Staff: Stephen Hunt, Erin Hynes, Adam Ostrowski, Ashley McCloskey, Alison Walsh, Karen Coleman, Alison Kabir, Buck Bobbin

Non-Council Members: Greg Hart, Cheryl Mayforth, Dan Kelleher

Time Adjourned: 4:02

Welcome and Remarks:

Call to Order:

- ☒ Preamble requesting disclosure of any conflicts of interest read.
- ☐ Conflicts noted:
- ☐ Recusals noted:
- ☒ No conflicts noted.
- ☐ The record of recusals was noted and acknowledged at the meeting.

Reports/Discussions/Motions:

Chairperson Mr. James McKenna welcomed the council to the session. He introduced himself and NCREDC Co-Chair Dr. Ty Stone, and asked for a roll call of council members. Steve Hunt provided roll call. Mr. McKenna welcomed new council members Steven Lawrence, Executive Director of Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority and Brittany Christenson, Executive Director of AdkAction.

Mr. McKenna then asked for approval of the Meeting Summary from 9/23/20.

Mr. McKenna went on to introduce Ashley McCloskey, Assistant Vice President of Regional Economic Development at Empire State Development. Ms. McCloskey provided an overview of the 2021 Regional Council and CFA process, and answered all questions.

Mr. McKenna then introduced Alison Kabir, Vice President of Policy and Operations at Empire State Development. Ms. Kabir provided highlights of the 2021 NYS Budget and Economic Development programs and answered all questions.

Mr. McKenna and Dr. Stone provided an overview of NCREDC. They explained the workgroups have begun work updating the strategic plan to meet the June 30, 2021 deadline. Each of the workgroup's captains gave an overview of where they are in this process; Kylie Peck and Elizabeth Lonegran for Placemaking, Dave Zembiec for Tradeable Sectors, Cheryl Mayforth and Greg Hart for Workforce Development, and Stephanie Ratcliffe and Dan Kelleher for Innovation. Other issues that were mentioned include Adk overcrowding and Adk diversity initiative. Workgroups are working on updating the strategic plan to include new challenges and opportunities to strategies to reflect the new dynamic. Each workgroup will also provide a public outreach plan. There was discussion that there needs to be a big push for CFA applications. The council members were asked to provide opportunities to spread the word about CFAs. The co-chairs will work with the ESD Regional office to schedule public outreach between now and June 30, then into the future.

Mr. McKenna reviewed the upcoming 2021 Meetings and notable dates.

Attendees were encouraged to reach out to the North Country ESSD office with any questions. Telephone numbers and emails were provided.

Conclusion of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council public meeting.